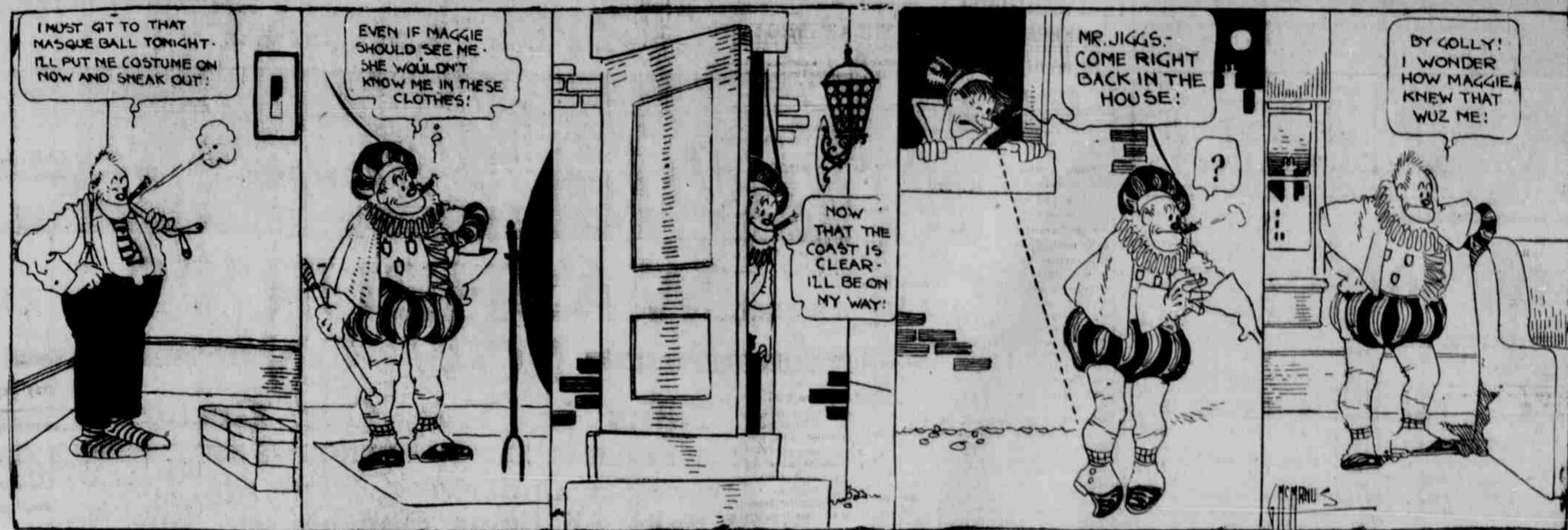


## Bringing Up Father



## STOCK MARKET SHOWS DECIDEDLY BETTER SPIRIT

Leading Shares Advance Under Strong Demand for Investments; Reopening of London Exchange Is Factor.

**CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.**

Chicago, Jan. 4.—For the first time wheat today soared above the high price level that was made September 5 at the most exciting crisis of the German advance on Paris.

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Corn finished 1½@1¾c to 1¾c up; oat, at a rise of ¾@¾c to 1¼c, and 1¾c up.

Broadening out of the purchase of wheat began at the very outset this morning but it was not until during the last hour of business that the trade bordered on the sensational. Even then there was no wild flurry. Buying on the part of the general public, aside from the urgent foreign demand seemed at that time to have gradually expanded beyond the greatest volume heretofore attained on this season's crop.

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General news of the day included an unofficial estimate pointing to a substantial increase in December tonnage of the United States Steel corporation.

Other features of interest were a new high record for wheat and a western freight movement partly in excess of this period last year. Trade advices from the middle west suggested definite improvement in general business. Railroads in the west and south made more adverse reports of earnings for November. St. Paul showing a net decrease of \$784,000 and Louisville and Nashville a loss of \$52,000.

Time loans for all dates were quoted unchanged but actually lower where high class collateral was offered. Interior banks loaned considerable amounts and renewed their recent buying of mercantile papers. Mystery attended the removal of \$2,000,000 bar gold from the assay office, the place of destination being withheld.

London's dealings in Americans were necessarily limited under the many restrictions imposed. New York Central being the only issue to maintain marked strength.

Early irregularity in bonds gave way to general firmness at the close. Total sales, par value, amounted to \$1,454,000.

United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

Alaska Gold ..... 27½

Amalgamated Copper ..... 63½

American Beet Sugar ..... 34½

American Can ..... 25½

American Smelt & Refining ..... 57½

American Smelt, & Refing, pfd. ..... 39½

American Sugar Refining ..... 104

American Tel. & Tel. ..... 16½

American Tobacco ..... 22½

Anaconda Mining ..... 25½

Atchison ..... 33½

Baltimore & Ohio ..... 59½

Brooklyn Rapid Transit ..... 85½

California Petroleum ..... 16

Canadian Pacific ..... 156½

Central Leather ..... 37½

Chesapeake & Ohio ..... 41

Chicago Great Western ..... 10½

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul ..... 87½

Chicago & North Western (old) ..... 122

Chino Copper ..... 34

Colorado Fuel & Iron ..... 21½

Colorado & Southern ..... 23½

Denver & Rio Grande, pfd. ..... 7½

Distillers' Securities ..... 11½

Erie ..... 22½

General Electric ..... 13½

Great Northern, pfd. ..... 112½

Great Northern Ore Co. ..... 25½

Guzzemee Exploration ..... 45

Illinois Central ..... 167½

Interborough-Met., pfd. ..... 50

Inspiration Copper ..... 16½

International Harvester ..... 92

Kansas City Southern ..... 21½

Louisville & Nashville ..... 132

Mexican Petroleum ..... 68

Missouri, Kansas & Texas ..... 17½

Missouri Pacific ..... 8½

National Biscuit ..... 118½

National Lead ..... 4½

Sabas Copper ..... 13½

New York Central ..... 85

N.Y. N.H. & Hford ..... 50

Northwestern ..... 20½

Panama Canal ..... 100

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